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CODE DIRECTOR HIRED

We are pleased to announce that Hollyce Goodwin will be the Town's new Code Compliance Department Director. Ms. Goodwin holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland and paralegal certificate from



George Mason University. In addition to being the Town's rental inspector for the past year or so, Hollyce has several years of experience researching and managing legal cases. Hollyce brings a perspective to code enforcement we think everyone in town will find refreshing. Her first day in her new role will be July 8.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ORDINANCE 179

Comprehensive Fee & Fine Schedule
June 12 | 7:00 pm | Council Chamber

The Town Council will hold a public hearing with the introduction of ORD 179 which will combine fee and fine schedules attached to or embedded in various ordinances into one comprehensive fees & fine schedule. The comprehensive fee & fine schedule will be appended to the Town's code.

Contact Town Manager Broadbent with any questions mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov



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Like, follow and tag us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We'd like you to be a part of our online community.

RENTAL HOME REGULATIONS BASEMENT BEDROOM EGRESS

Be sure to comply with rental license minimum standards for basement bedrooms. The Town has basic requirements for renting basement bedrooms that are considered life safety standards, including:

- Emergency escape and rescue openings;
- Proper ceiling height; and
- Specific requirements for bedroom access.

More information can be found on the Town website/ Code Compliance Department at berwynheightsmd.gov



REGULACIONES DE ALQUILER DE CASA

SALIDA DEL DORMITORIO DEL SOTANO

Asegúrese de cumplir con los estándares mínimos de licencia de alquiler para los dormitorios del sótano. La ciudad tiene requisitos básicos para alquilar dormitorios en el sótano que se consideran estándares de seguridad de vida, que incluyen:

- aberturas de escape y rescate de emergencia;
- Altura adecuado del techo; y
- Requisitos específicos para el acceso al dormitorio.

Se puede encontrar más información en el sitio web de Town of Berwyn Heights / Departamento del Código en berwynheightsmd.gov

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

Actions Taken at June 12 Town Meeting

2nd Reading & Adoption Budget Amendments

- **ORD 175-B—FY 2019 Budget Amendment**
Appropriates \$53,180 from fund balance for the purchase of tippers and toters for the Town's recycling program.
- **ORD 175-C—FY 2019 Budget Amendment**
Appropriates \$6,000 for the purchase of a mobile speed display sign and a radar speed gun.
- **ORD 175-D—FY 2019 Budget Amendment**
Encumbers \$40,000 for an architectural and engineering study of the Town Office.
- **Resolution 07-2019—Amending NW/EP Status:** Recognizing the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness as an official Town Committee under the direction of the Berwyn Heights Police Department.
- **Resolution 11-2019—Recognizing Certain Volunteer Groups as Official Committees and others as Assemblies:**
Creates a Town Organization policy that assigns privileges and responsibilities of volunteer groups based on the differentiation between Town Committees and Assemblies.
- **Resolution 12-2019—Creating Position of Treasurer/ Benefits Manager and Assistant to the Town Manager:**
Realigns Administrative staff responsibilities and promotes Administrative Assistant to Assistant to the Town Manager.

For Additional Information

Please contact Town Manager Broadbent at
mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov

WALKABLE/ BIKABLE BERWYN HEIGHTS PLAN

The Town Council is seeking residents to serve on a committee to devise a comprehensive plan to make the Town more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

The Committee would research best practices, seek input from a wide variety of residents and liaise with agencies and organizations that can assist with or are involved in the approval of pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Please contact any of the Councilmembers listed on the back of the Bulletin if you are interested in participating in this project.



PLAN PARA UNA PUEBLO CAMINABLE Y BIKABLE

El Concejo Municipal está buscando residentes para formar parte de un comité para diseñar un plan integral para que el Pueblo sea más apto para peatones y bicicletas.

El Comité investigará las mejores prácticas, buscará la opinión de una amplia variedad de residentes y se pondrá en contacto con agencias y organizaciones que puedan ayudar o estén involucradas en la aprobación de instalaciones para peatones y ciclistas.

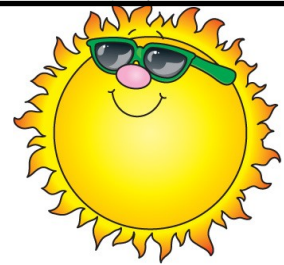
Si está interesado en participar en este proyecto, comuníquese con cualquiera de los miembros del Consejo que figuran en la parte posterior del Boletín.



English (877) 737-2662
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Online www.pepco.com

The Berwyn Heights Rec. Council Presents:

SUMMER CONCERTS AT LAKE ARTEMESIA!



Bring something to sit on, pack a picnic, and enjoy some music!

Thursday, July 18th, 6-8pm
Jan Knutson Trio

Thursday, August 29th, 5-7pm
Berwyn Heights All Stars

Snacks will be sold by the Karate Club.

In event of rain, concerts will be in the Upstairs Room
at the Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road



Other upcoming events include our Ice Cream Social in September, Trunk-or-Treat in October, Town-Wide Clean Up in November & our Annual Tree Lighting Party in December.



Have feedback or suggestions on new events?

Want to join in the fun? We want to hear from you!



We meet the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:30pm in the G. Love Room, in the Senior Center. New members, or even drop in members, are always welcome. If you'd like to make a suggestion or ask a question but can't make it to our meetings, email Susan at violindreams@verizon.net.



Next Meetings: Tues. July 2nd & Tues. July 30th

****No Meeting on Tue. Aug 6th due to NNO****

*Visit the Rec Council table at
National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6th
at the Town Center, for schedule of up-
coming events and games & prizes for the
kids!*

Worksession Minutes May 6, 2019

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Panikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, and Ethan Sweep. CM Jeffrey Jay Osmond had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, Officer Paul Roberson and citizens.

1. Announcements

Mayor Isler thanked everyone who made Berwyn Heights Day a success, in particular the Recreation Council, which took the lead organizing the event.

2. Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda: Resolution 10 – amending Employee Handbook Vacation Leave Provisions and Citizen Comments format.

3. Budget Discussion Items

BHVFD contribution: Mayor Isler welcomed Matthew Huddle, Town Liaison of the Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department. He said the Town has donated \$10,000 annually to the BHVFD for the last 5 years and would like to know if the Department is requesting a donation for FY 2020 and what the money would be used for.

Mr. Huddle apologized for not having attended Town meetings in recent months. He said the BHVFD uses the money to help pay for its apparatus. BHVFD plans to replace its rescue squad and is still paying off its ladder truck and ambulance. A contribution of \$15,000 is requested for the upcoming fiscal year. This is closer to the contributions it receives from the City of College Park and Greenbelt which it also serves. The BHVFD receives EMS ? funds from Prince George's County but it has become increasingly difficult to comply with the requirements. Although BHVFD coordinates with PGCFD and has some career staff, it owns all its apparatus and the fire house.

In discussion, the Council made the following points: Berwyn Heights is smaller than College Park and Greenbelt, both in terms of its budget as well

as population served; a regular report from BHVFD, either in written format or by a representative coming to a Council meeting, would be appreciated; residents have complained that the BHVFD station is difficult to reach by phone; a portion of donated funds might be set aside to add a voice mail system to the station's non-emergency telephone line. The Council agreed to remain at the \$10,000 contribution level but review its reserves in January 2020 and possibly give another \$5,000 at that point.

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Resolution:

TM Broadbent said Resolution 7-2019 will redefine the status of NW/EP, recognizing the group as an official Town organization and placing the group under the direct supervision of the Police Department. It took longer than anticipated to bring this matter before the Council because NW/EP made changes to its organization in December and provided feedback on the new structure. This setup better aligns with the Town's interest in educating residents in emergency preparedness, crime prevention and first aid. The emergency trailer and the equipment it contains would become the sole responsibility of NW/EP. The NW/EP budget is proposed to remain at the current level of \$3,900 with unspent funds rolling over into an NW/EP reserve that now stands at \$10,058.

NW/EP Chair Mike Attick commented the Resolution has the wrong dates for establishment of the Neighborhood Watch, which came into being in the early 1970s, and the Emergency Preparedness, which was set up in 2001. The shift towards an educational mission envisioned in the Resolution would probably mean higher costs for workshops and take a bigger bite out of the NW/EP budget. NW/EP is not sure what is to be done with the trailer and the equipment it contains, nor what NW/EP's role will be, if it is no longer allowed to respond to emergencies in the field.

TM Broadbent said while the focus would be on education and training, there are some hands-on activities the group could perform including traffic assistance, welfare check assistance, home security surveys, and smoke detector checks. Mr. Attick replied NW/EP would not be interested in performing smoke detector checks as they are

done by the PGCFD upon request.

NW/EP member Joan Hayden commented on the Resolution and clarified that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) should not be mentioned in it, as it has always been separate from NW/EP and self-funding. TM Broadbent said she will make the changes to the Resolution. The point was to give the group official standing so that it is covered by the Town's liability insurance. This is part of a broader effort by the Town to clarify its relationships with Town organizations.

There ensued further discussion about the disposition of the emergency trailer, use of the NW/EP reserve, and potential NW/EP welfare check activities. The Resolution was cleared for adoption at the May 8 Town meeting.

ORD 177 - FY 2020 Budget amendments:

TM Broadbent noted there are sufficient funds in the FY 2019 budget to buy iPads for the Council. Interested Councilmembers are requested to send her an email to request one. TM Broadbent provided the background for a series of budget amendments that are not reflected in the introduced FY 2020 budget. Council is requested to review each amendment and decide whether to include them in the FY 2020 budget to be adopted at the May 8 Town meeting. Treasurer Rodriguez explained Amendment 1A and 1B.

- Amendment 1A provides \$10,800 in additional funding for Health, Dental, Vision & Life Insurance to cover staff to be hired for currently vacant positions. The vacant positions were inadvertently omitted from earlier calculations.
- Amendment 1B provides \$4,000 in additional funding for Health, Dental, Vision & Life Insurance to cover an additional officer to be hired during the next fiscal year. The figure represents half a year of insurance coverage.

The Council approved the funding. TM Broadbent explained the remaining amendments.

- Amendment 2 appropriates \$30,000 for the replacement of the Town's server, which had a critical outage in April. The re-

placement would be funded from the Cable TV reserve that currently contains \$120,000. This money would also be used to hire a professional videographer to produce informational material for the Town's public access channel and for the Historical Committee to produce oral histories. The Council approved the funding.

- Amendment 3A appropriates \$5,028 to restore limited holiday pay for part-time employees that was in effect prior to the adoption of a new employee handbook in 2017. Alternatively, Amendment 3B would provide full holiday pay for those employees at a cost of \$8,812. The Council approved option 3A with the proviso they would re-examine whether to provide full holiday pay in a future budget.
- Amendment 4 appropriates \$5,293 to provide short-term disability insurance to full-time employees to protect them from loss of income due to injury when not at work up to 6 months. This program is administered through the Town's health and liability insurance carrier LGIT which assumes all responsibility for screenings, consultations with doctors and returning the employee to work. The Council discussed sharing the premium with employees. I was agreed to pay 100% of short-term disability costs but not to provide any long-term disability insurance.
- Amendment 5 appropriates \$5,364 for long-term disability insurance for full time employees. The Council agreed not to provide this insurance (see above).
- Amendment 6 appropriates \$3,000 for mail-in voting to increase voter participation. During the 2018 Town Council election 297 out of 2017 registered voters voted or 15%. It is proposed to mail out a ballot to all registered voters, who can then send them in at their leisure. Registered voters could still choose to vote in person on election day. The appropriation is based on the postage for mailing the ballots. Mail-in voting has been adopted by Rockville and College Park as well as other jurisdictions

around the country. Prior to implementation, any needed changes to the Election Ordinance would be made and the Board of Election Supervisors consulted. The Council approved the amendment.

- Amendment 7 revises from \$120,000 to \$24,000 the receipts expected in FY 2019 from the Greenbelt Station Development compensating Berwyn Heights for the impacts of the development. The \$24,000 payment will be the last as the development is almost finished.

FY 2019 Budget Amendments: TM Broadbent explained, during the budget process, the Council had decided to fund several items from the FY 2019 fund balance, including the purchase of tippers and Toters to upgrade the recycling program; the purchase of a speed monitor and a radar gun for BHPD; and the set-up of a vacation attrition fund for exempt employees. These amendments to the FY 2019 budget are in the form of an ordinance set forth separately in Ordinance 175-B, 175-C, and 175-D, as well as in Resolutions 8-2019 and 9-2019 awarding related contracts.

TM Broadbent said Ordinance 175-B authorizes funding for the purchase of tippers and Toters. Berwyn Heights is now a member of a national purchasing cooperative and will be able to purchase Toters at a reduced price. Resolution 8-2019 awards the contract to Toter, LLC of Statesville NC. Resolution 9-2019 awards the contract for the tippers to Gran Turk Equipment of Baltimore MD. In response to questions, Director Hall explained the new trash truck will already be equipped with the tipper and Gran Turk will install the other. The toters are likely to be on hand in July or August. In discussion, it was noted that residents who don't want the 64-gallon Toters can continue to use the smaller bins they currently have. Elderly or disabled residents can request assistance from Public Works to bring their Toters to the curb.

TM Broadbent said Ordinance 175-C authorizes funding for a radar speed gun and a mobile speed monitor sign, recommended by the Quality of Life Commission to reduce speeding on Town streets. The Council noted that the number of monitors and radar guns

were reduced from the original request.

Officer Roberson was present to discuss the BHPD budget request. He said he had not been briefed on the monitor and the radar gun but can explain the request for an additional police officer. The main reason for the request is that the duties of local police departments have increased with an expanded mandate for community policing. Further, additional police will make the Town safer, evident in Berwyn Heights' low crime rate. In discussion it was noted that Chief Antolik had requested the additional officer principally to have a 2nd officer on duty per shift as backup. Backup is useful when a warrant is served, or an officer has made an arrest and must transport a suspect to prison, thus leaving the Town uncovered. Currently, the Town relies on allied agencies and County police in such circumstances. Additionally, BHPD is likely to see a lot of retirements in the coming years and an additional officer would facilitate the transition. Crime trends were not part of the Council's considerations for funding a 9th officer.

Vacation attrition fund: TM Broadbent explained Resolution 10-2019 would set up a \$6,000 annual leave revolving attrition fund for exempt employees to pay them for unused vacation days when they leave the service of the Town. This became relevant because the Council decided to restore the maximum of 120 hours of annual leave employees can carry over from one year to the next, which had been reduced to 80 hours with the adoption of a new Employee Handbook in 2016. The reserve removes an unfunded liability from the books and satisfies a concern of the auditors.

In discussion, it was clarified that employees may donate annual leave to another employee who needs more days off than he gets. TM Broadbent could authorize such transfers as it has no impact on the budget. The proposal for adopting a scheme, in which the hours of carried-over annual leave are based on how many years an employee has worked for the Town, was not implemented for simplicity sake. However, the Town awards annual leave on the basis of length of service. The Council had no objection to the annual leave attrition fund.

4. Discussion Items

I-495 widening letter of opposition:

CM Dewey proposed the Council write a letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) stating its opposition to the proposed widening of the Capital Beltway. She said 3 Councilmembers attended the Four Cities meeting in January, at which MDOT representatives gave a presentation on the project and did a poor job answering the many questions people had. A subsequent MDOT workshop she attended was almost identical, with the exception of some information provided on the number of houses and acres of forest that would be lost.

CM Dewey said she is opposed to the widening because she does not believe that it would fix the congestion in the long run. Additionally, she had the impression that the outcome of the public hearing process was predetermined, the option of not undertaking the project was not seriously considered, and public comments and concerns were not listened to. This is why she would like to write a letter to state this Council's objection for the record.

CM Sweep agreed, saying the information provided to justify the widening was insufficient and selective. Further, the new lanes would be toll lanes and primarily benefit people who can afford paying for using them, but it would not necessarily solve the congestion problem. It was agreed that CM Dewey draft a letter, which would be reviewed at a worksession in May and sent by September. The Four Cities will be invited to sign on as well.

Endangered Species Day proclamation:

CM Dewey proposed to proclaim May 8 Endangered Species Day, which normally falls on the 3rd Friday in May. It is intended to draw awareness to animals and plants that are at risk of becoming extinct and to encourage individuals and organizations to take action to protect them. In Maryland, the Delmarva fox squirrel was on the endangered species list but has been recently delisted. There are many other less well-known species that are threatened, including fish and insects. She will look them up for the occasion. There were no objections to the proclamation.

Citizen comments (added item):

Mayor Isler said he would like the Council to discuss how citizen comments are handled because he has

received many critical comments from residents about it. Concerns include that too many citizen comments are entertained during worksessions; that citizen comments are too long and that there are too many side conversations. He asked whether other Councilmembers have heard similar things.

Councilmembers said they have and discussed the concerns. The following points were made: Side comments are distracting and should be stopped; allowing comments during worksessions gives the Council the opportunity to reflect and take them into account before legislation is enacted; State law does not require local governments to allow citizen comments and some cities don't; comments by individuals should have a shorter time limit than comments made on behalf of an organization; speakers who do not follow proper decorum or use profanity might be barred from commenting at public meetings; meetings are not the only forum for comments; longer comments might be submitted in writing and will be addressed by the Council or staff.

The Council agreed to limit individual comments to 3 minutes and comments made on behalf of an organizations to 5 minutes, with another 5 minutes for follow-up discussion. Mike Attick said he believes time limits are not useful because the chair has the option to stop comments. Phil Ventura said he thinks a 3-minute limit seems like an unfair stifling of comments, especially if the speaker waits to the end of the meeting to voice an opinion. He also thinks citizens should be allowed to ask for clarification about matters being discussed.

The Council further agreed that requests for clarification can be brought up throughout a meeting and are not subject to the 3-minute rule. An explanation of the time limit for comments will be added to the Town meeting agenda and posted on the wall of the Council Chamber.

4. Minutes

On a motion by CM Sweep, seconded by CM Dewey, the March 23 budget worksession and April 1 worksession minutes were approved 4 to 0. The April 10 Town meeting minutes were distributed and corrected.

5. Department Reports

MPT Papanikolas reported that the

Administration has started to use electronic checks as a form of payment. CM Sweep said Berwyn Heights Day was a great success. He thanked Public Works for setting up all the equipment and helping throughout the Day. CM Dewey thanked everyone who helped organize Berwyn Heights Day and all those who came out to celebrate. The Education Advisory Committee set the 4th Monday of the month as its regular meeting date.

TM Broadbent thanked Administrative Coordinator Yvonne Odoi for all her behind-the-scenes work to make Berwyn Heights Day a success, from obtaining licenses to arranging a ride in a sidecar for the Town Manager. She has worked on reviewing applications for the Code positions, helped with a Town organizations policy and identified sites for planting trees.

6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar. CM Sweep will attend a June 4 public hearing on the Beltway widening.

7. Citizens Discussion

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, sought clarification on the budget information published in the May Bulletin regarding a net loss in FY 2019 and the disposition of road project funds. He also commented on the annual leave policy to be adopted, parking on the Berwyn Road bridge, the increase in real property taxes, limits on citizen comments, and the dismissal of the Code supervisor. The Council responded with clarifying the reasons for the tax increase and the process for terminating employees.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Town Meeting May 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, Ethan Sweep and Jeffrey Jay Osmond. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper, Chief Kenneth Antolik, Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, and citizens.

1. Approval of Agenda

CM Sweep moved and CM Dewey seconded to approve the agenda. The

motion passed 5 to 0.

2. Endangered Species Act Proclamation

Mayor Isler read the Proclamation marking May 8, 2019 as Endangered Species Day in Berwyn Heights. CM Dewey said Endangered Species Day is celebrated nationally on May 17. Events are scheduled at several local gardens and parks. Some species endangered in Maryland include the piping plover, the eastern cougar and several species of bats and whales, among many others.

3. Budget Presentation

MPT Papanikolas led off the budget presentation with budget highlights. He said the Council's budget goals were to ensure a safe community, a quality workforce through competitive pay, benefits and professional growth opportunities, and the Town's long-term fiscal health by avoiding debt and reducing the use of fund balance to help fund the next budget.

MPT Papanikolas continued with an overview of general revenues and expenditures. The combined FY 2020 operating & capital budget totals \$3,428,000. This is \$1,140,000 less than in FY 2019, which included a 1.1 million bond issue. The Public Safety Taxing District Budget totals \$71,400, which is \$7,800 less than in FY 2019. The real property tax rate, unchanged since 2015, is proposed to be raised by 1 ½ cents to 54.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This raises an additional \$52,800 in revenue on top of increased receipts of \$100,100 or 6% due to rising property values. Three cents of the real and personal property tax rates, which generate \$105,300 and \$12,300, respectively, is set aside in a dedicated road repair fund.

Other significant changes in revenues include a 27% increase in Highway User Revenues (HUR) to \$140,400, a 36% increase in the Refuse & Recycling Fees to \$98,000; a 6% decline in personal property taxes to \$220,00; a 6% decline in Licensing & Permit Fees to \$138,400; a 17% decline in State Police Aid to \$44,600; and a lower Greenbelt Station Impact Fee of \$86,800. Income taxes remained unchanged at \$375,000.

On the expenditure side, all Town employees were given a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment costing \$25,408, plus

Merit Pay totaling \$61,000. The Council also raised the hours of annual leave employees can carry over to the following year to 120 hours and established an attrition reserve of \$6,000 for payouts. The Administration Department budget includes additional funds for a part-time Public Information Aide (\$13,200); a staff reorganization that elevates the Administrative Assistant to an Assistant to the Town Manager (\$8,900); staff training (\$2,000); document scanning (\$2,000); and election funds (\$1,600). Health, Vision and Dental Insurance declined by \$8,000 due to staff changes, while Life and Disability Insurance added \$5,100 to the insurance bill. Expenses for copying, subscriptions and postage went down by \$5,500.

Mayor Isler explained the Public Health & Safety budget. The Council approved the hiring of an additional officer to prepare for the coming retirement of several officers and to comply with the mandate for more community policing. The related cost of \$116,000 includes this officer's salary, a vehicle and other outfitting. Other budget enhancements include three officer promotions (\$11,500); a new police vehicle (\$44,200); a speed monitor (\$4,800); and a radar gun (\$1,000).

CM Sweep explained the Public Works budget. The largest enhancement to the base budget is for street repairs (\$225,000), followed by seasonal help (\$16,400) needed mainly for leaf collection and grass cutting, and vehicle maintenance (\$15,000). Other significant enhancements include repairs to the Public Works building (\$5,000), Town Center maintenance (4,000), Town Hall carpeting (\$8,000), landscaping (2,000) and tipping fees (\$6,000). The purchase of toters and tipplers to improve recycling collection will be financed from the FY 2019 budget.

The Public Works Department will also purchase a new refuse truck (\$205,000) and pickup truck (45,000) in FY 2020, which will be paid from the vehicle replacement reserve. To replenish the reserve \$106,200 will be returned to the reserve. Funding for welcome signs proposed by the Quality of Life Commission was reduced from \$10,000 to \$2,000, which will pay for planning and design only. Any sign purchases will come from the FY 2021 budget.

CM Osmond explained the Code Compliance budget. It is planned to hire a Code Director who will take on more leadership responsibilities than the Code Supervisor had. He will supervise 2 full-time Code employees and command a higher salary. The cost of this enhancement is \$9,000. Other enhancements include additional computer support (\$800), and communication technology (\$400) to process code cases more efficiently, and a contribution to a College Park code study (\$1,500). The call-a-bus program costs are proposed to decline by \$2,000 because the van has been transferred to the City of Greenbelt.

CM Dewey explained the Parks & Recreation budget. The cost of the volunteer appreciation dinner is proposed to increase by \$500 to reflect greater attendance, and the Green Team requested an additional \$250 to fund more workshops. Last year's funding for PRECA aide (\$4,000) was moved to help fund the Public Information Aide position established in the Administration Department.

MPT Papanikolas concluded saying that \$139,000 were not covered by current revenue streams, including the 9th officer, his vehicle and insurance correction, and will be funded from the FY 2019 fund balance. The Town's General Fund Checking account has enough funds to cover the 9 months operating costs of \$2,025,000 at \$225,000 per month, after \$675,000 is set aside in a rainy-day reserve.

4. FY 2020 Budget Public Hearing

CM Dewey and MPT Papanikolas responded to a list of comments on the budget from Jodie Kulpa Eddy, Ruatan Street. Her top concern was the increase in the Town's tax rate, which in combination with the increase in property values significantly adds to the tax burden of homeowners with a fixed income. CM Dewey said that Councilmembers understand and take seriously the impact of tax increases as they are subject to it as well. MPT Papanikolas said he plans to gather information on State and County tax assistance programs for publication in the next Bulletin.

In response to other questions by Ms. Kulpa-Eddy, CM Dewey and MPT Papanikolas said they will inquire with the State about the decline in the Town's

real property assessable base and unchanged income tax projections. The Refuse & Recycling fee was raised to help cover the cost of tipping fees, which had been underfunded in previous years. Landscaping expenses were included as an operating expense because they will become a permanent budget item, whereas new Town office carpeting could be categorized in other ways. The emergency trailer will become the property of the Neighborhood Watch, which will maintain it. The NW/EP reserve remains at the Committee's disposal to be used as it sees fit. Speed camera revenues are declining but can still cover the administrative costs of the program. Given this circumstance, the Town plans to keep the program to reduce speeding in school zones.

Further, higher personnel expenditures in the Administration and Code Departments are due to a realignment of duties between the Treasurer and Administrative Assistant, the hiring of a Public Information Aide, and the funding of a Code Director position and 2 full-time code officers, who will take on additional responsibilities for managing business and building activities. In the Police Department, the hiring of a 9th officer was funded primarily because the Police Department is taking on new mandated responsibilities for community outreach and to allow for two officers per shift, who can back each other up.

Ms. Kulpa-Eddy thanked the Council for the explanations, adding it would have been useful to have the budget presentation in April to give more time for citizens to comments.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, commented that this budget has too many major changes in his opinion. In previous years, Councils might have purchased a new vehicle, or made investments in the refuse collection program, or hired an additional employee, but not all of this together. The hiring of new staff will impact budgets for years to come. This is also true for adding take-home vehicles to the fleet, which was a major decision for previous Councils.

5. Unfinished Business

ORD 177 – FY 2020 Budget Amendment 1A Correction to Insurance: Mayor Isler explained that the amendment adds the cost of insurance for 4 currently vacant positions to the FY

2020 budget. CM Dewey moved to approve Amendment 1A. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORD 177 – FY 2020 Budget Amendment 1B Insurance for 9th Police Officer: Mayor Isler said this amendment adds the cost of insurance for the additional police officer position authorized in the FY 2020 budget. MPT Papanikolas moved and CM Sweep seconded to approve Amendment 1B. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORD 177 – FY 2020 Budget Amendment 2 Cable TV Reserve Fund Purchases: Mayor Isler said this Amendment authorizes expenditures of \$20,000 to produce informative videos for the Town's Cable TV channel and \$10,000 to purchase a new server for storing the videos. CM Dewey added that these expenses do not affect the operating budget as they come from a restricted reserve fund. CM Dewey moved and CM Sweep seconded to approve Amendment 2. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORD 177 – FY 2020 Budget Amendment 3 Limited Holiday Pay for Part-time Employees: TM Broadbent explains this Amendment funds limited holiday pay for permanent part-time employees on days when Town offices are closed due to a holiday at a cost of \$5,028. It reinstates a practice in effect prior to the adoption of a new Employee Handbook in 2016. It does not apply to seasonal workers or contractors. CM Dewey added that the Council opted for limited rather than full holiday day for affected employees. CM Sweep moved and CM Dewey seconded to approve Amendment 3. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORD 177 – FY 2020 Budget Amendment 4 Short-term Disability Insurance: Mayor Isler said that this Amendment adds \$5,293 to the FY 2020 budget to fund short-term disability insurance for full-time employees. It pays a percentage of their salaries when they are unable to work for up to 26 weeks. The Council opted not fund long-term disability insurance, although it is available to employees at their own expense. CM Sweep moved and CM Dewey seconded to approve the Amendment. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORD 177 – FY 2020 Budget Amendment 5 Funding for Mail-in Voting:

Mayor Isler said this amendment adds \$3,000 to the FY 2020 budget to fund mail-in voting for the 2020 Town Council elections. It is hoped this will increase voter participation. Ballots would be sent to all registered voters in the Town 3 weeks prior to the election. Voters can fill them out and mail them in, or turn them in in person, or vote in the traditional way on Election Day.

Ms. Kulpa-Eddy asked how the Town will ascertain who filled out the ballot. On an absentee ballot, which have been used for mail-in voting to date, voters have had to sign for them when requesting them. CM Sweep said voters would also sign a mail-in ballot attested by a witness. In Minnesota, where he previously resided, mail-in voting has been in effect for years. CM Dewey moved and CM Sweep seconded to approve Amendment 5.

CM Dewey said mail-in voting would make it easier for people to vote, which should result in higher turnout and make elections more representative of all who live in Town. Ms. Kulpa-Eddy asked whether this complies with the Town Charter and ordinances. CM Dewey replied that the Charter is silent on the matter and State law allows it, but the Town will check to make sure the process complies with the law. CM Osmond suggested advertising the elections far in advance to ensure residents aware of the changes. TM Broadbent said Town staff would create an outreach plan that informs residents of election procedures and assist with voter registrations. With no further comments, the Council voted 5 to 0 to adopt the Amendment.

ORD 177 – FY 2020 Budget Amendment 6 Greenbelt Station South Core Fee: TM Broadbent explained that the Amendment adjusts the expected receipts from the Greenbelt Station Development compensating Berwyn Heights for impacts of the development from \$150,000 to \$24,000 in FY 2020 based on more accurate information. MPT Papanikolas moved and CM Sweep seconded to approve the Amendment. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORD 177 – 2nd Reading & Adoption of FY 2020 General Fund Budget as Amended: Clerk Harper read a summary of the FY 2020 General Fund Budget. CM Sweep moved and CM Osmond seconded to adopt the

amended FY 2020 Budget. Mayor Isler thanked TM Broadbent, Treasurer Rodriguez, Councilmembers and residents for helping to build this budget. This budget was adopted following a new process, which was long but necessary for a successful outcome.

MPT Papanikolas said he found the budget process enlightening. The Council did its best to serve the interests of residents and place the Town finances on a stable trajectory. The resulting budget reflects not only departments' requests for enhancements but also Council priorities and recommendations from the Quality of Life Commission. The Council's decision to raise property taxes was not an easy one. Considerable time was spent during the budget workshop discussing whether and how much to increase the tax rate, which will affect most Councilmembers personally.

CM Dewey said she was struck by the serious responsibility of making decisions affecting the lives of everyone in Town. She spent considerable time thinking through what the best use of funds is to make the Town a great place to live for the most people. She appreciates all the input from residents and staff's hard work. One of the more technical accomplishments in the budget was a reduction of the Town's reliance on fund balance to help fund next year's budget, one of the reasons for the Council's decision to raise taxes. With no further comments, the Ordinance was adopted in a 5 to 0 vote.

ORD 177 – 2nd Reading & Adoption of FY 2020 Public Safety Taxing District Budget: Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. CM Dewey moved and CM Sweep seconded to adopt the Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) Budget. TM Broadbent responded to Ms. Kulpa-Eddy that the PSTD budget was presented to the Commercial District Management Authority on April 17. They were happy about assessments going down and appreciated the active shooter presentation provided by BHPD. With the promotion of Detective Unger, another officer was designated to be associated with commercial district. Further, a police vehicle replacement program was initiated with this PSTD budget. The FY 2020 PSTD budget was approved in a 5 to 0 vote.

6. New Business

ORD 175 B – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2019 Budget Amendment to authorize the Purchase of Toters, Tippers and Educational Materials: Clerk Harper read a summary of the Ordinance. Mayor Isler said this Amendment budget appropriates \$53,180 from the FY 2019 budget for the purchase of toters and tippers to upgrade the recycling program. A hearing will be held at the June 12 Town meeting prior to adoption.

Mr. Ventura asked whether the Town could provide smaller than the 64-gallon containers the Town plans to buy since some residents have expressed a preference for smaller containers. Public Works Director Hall said the tippers the Town intends to purchase fit toters of 64-gallon up to 96-gallon size. Different tippers would be required for smaller toters. In response to other questions, Director Hall said the changes only affect the recycling program and are intended to encourage more recycling. The refuse collection will continue as before. TM Broadbent added that the Town will place the orders in June but does not expect the toters to be shipped until August or September. Residents may keep the old recycling containers for yard waste or other uses.

CM Dewey moved and CM Sweep seconded to introduce Ordinance 175 B. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Resolution 8-2019 awarding Contract for Purchase of Toters: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. Mayor Isler said this Resolution awards the contract for Toters to Toter, LLC of Statesville, NC. Residents, who do not wish to use the 64-gallon toters may continue to use the current recycling bins, which will be emptied manually. Residents, who are unable to maneuver the large containers can request help from the Public Works Department. CM Sweep and CM Dewey moved to approve the contract. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Resolution 9-2018 awarding Contract for Purchase of Recycling Cart Tippers: Clerk Harper read the Resolution. Mayor Isler said the Resolution awards the contract for the tippers to Gran Turk Equipment Co. of Baltimore, MD. CM Dewey moved to approve it and CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORD 175 C – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2019 Budget Amendment to authorize the Purchase of a Mobile Speed Monitor and Handheld Speed Gun: Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. MPT Papanikolas moved to introduce it. CM Osmond seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

ORD 175 D – 1st Reading & Introduction of FY 2020 Budget Amendment to encumber FY 2019 Budget Funds for Town Center Architectural Study: Clerk Harper read the Ordinance. CM Osmond moved to introduce the Ordinance and CM Sweep seconded. TM Broadbent explained that the architectural study enlarge the Town office building was funded in the FY 2019 budget, but she did not find time to commission it. This Amendment encumbers funding in the FY 2020 budget to complete the study. CM Osmond said he is interested in reviewing any proposal resulting from the study. The Council voted 5 to 0 to introduce the Ordinance.

Resolution 10-2019 amending Employee Handbook Annual Leave Provisions: Mayor Isler said the Resolution amends the Employee Handbook adopted in 2017 to increase the number of annual leave hours exempt employees can carry over from one calendar year to the next from 80 hours to 120 hours and creates an annual leave attrition fund for payouts. Clerk Harper read the Resolution. CM Osmond moved to adopt the Resolution. CM Dewey seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

7. Approval of Minutes

MPT Papanikolas moved to adopt the April 10 Town meeting minutes. CM Sweep seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1, with Mayor Isler abstaining.

8. Mayor's Report

Mayor Isler said Berwyn Heights was a great success and thanked all who came out to celebrate and those who worked hard to make it possible: the Recreation Council, Public Works and Police Department staff, and especially Yvonne Odoi and Mercy Muralles for their essential, behind-the-scenes coordination.

9. Department Reports

Mayor Isler said it was decided not have Directors give department reports because the budget would take up most of the meeting. Councilmembers

may report any important items.

MPT Papanikolas thanked the elected officials who participated in Berwyn Heights Day: State Delegates Gaines and Healey; County Council Delegate Glaros, Greenbelt Mayor Jordan and MPT Davis; and former Mayor Tom Love. He also announced the Berwyn Heights U-15 Soccer Team won the County championships.

CM Osmond announced that Code Clerk Zelda Bell was selected as Employee of the Year. Mayor Isler noted that Recreation Council President Susan Jones and Meg Miller-Shane are Citizens of the Year.

CM Dewey also thanked everyone who worked on Berwyn Heights Day, including all the volunteers. Susan Jones was recognized as Citizen of the Year for her dedication in organizing the Town's year-long events program that included many new and interesting events. Meg Miller-Shane was recognized for her leadership role on the Quality of Life Commission as well as her work for the Seniors Club. Further, the Berwyn Heights Girl Scouts won first place for their Berwyn Heights Day float; the Boys & Girls Club won 2nd place and the Historical Committee 3rd place.

CM Sweep reported that the street sweeper will be in Town this week and residents are requested to park in driveways if possible. The Town has received a number of comments on curbs painted yellow to indicate no parking. Following the street repairs last summer, many curbs had to be repainted, which was done in accordance with the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD) requiring no parking within 30' of a stop sign. The Council regrets if this has resulted in the loss of parking spaces but the Town needs to adhere to those standards.

10. Committee Reports

Education Advisory Committee: CM Dewey announced that the Education Advisory Committee has set the 4th Monday of the month as its regular meeting date. However, this month the meeting will take place on May 20. CM Sweep added he attended an education community forum headlined by School Board Chair Dr. Alvin Thornton, which was also attended by the BHEAC's chair Joanna Whitaker.

Green Team: CM Dewey announced the 9 winning trees of the Trees of Distinction contest, which were displayed on Berwyn Heights Day and will be posted to the Town website. Those who nominated a tree received a Trees of Distinction T-shirt. The next Town cleanup will be on May 18.

Historical Committee: Clerk Harper said the Committee participated in Berwyn Heights Day with a booth and display on the Berwyn Heights Company. Many visitors stopped and talked with the Committee members who were present.

Recreation Council: Angela Wolfinger announced that the annual Town-wide yard sale will be held on June 15 and a summer concert with the Susan Jones Jazz Quartet on June 27 at Lake Artemesia. Another summer concert is in the works, but no date has been set. The Recreation Council welcomes feedback and new ideas for Berwyn Heights Day, which can be sent to Susan Jones at violin-dreams@verizon.net.

11. Citizen Comments

Mayor Isler invited citizen comments which will be limited to 3 minutes with additional time for discussion afterwards.

Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Ruatan Street, thanked the Council for responding to her questions and comments on the budget earlier in the meeting. While she is unhappy about the tax increase, she has resigned herself to it. She also questioned the diversion of \$30,000 set aside in FY 2019 for an economic development study for other uses as shortsighted. The funds could have served to figure out how Berwyn Heights fits into the changes that will come with the redevelopment of the Beltway Plaza Mall. Lastly, she noted she has been unable to sign up for the Council's e-newsletter through the website. Clerk Harper said she will look into it.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, asked whether the Council during the budget process ever considered a balanced budget that would use just current revenues as a baseline; in other words, was a "living within our means" budget considered. CM Dewey said she believes, if the Council had chosen not to raise taxes and not to use

fund balance, it would not have been possible to fund current operations and some positions might have had to be eliminated.

TM Broadbent said staff started with a zero-based budget, meaning starting at zero and then adding the cost of everything one needs to fund current operations. Current revenues would not have been sufficient to fund current operations plus inflation, and cuts would have had to be made. Any expenditure beyond a basic necessity a department director requested had to come to her first as an enhancement, many of which were not approved. CM Dewey said, if the Council had said 'no' to every enhancement, it would still have been necessary to use some fund balance. This Council wanted to avoid that.

MPT Papanikolas said that enhancements requests were not approved without the Council weighing options and, in some cases, making cuts. CM Sweep said a minimal budget constructed by using just current revenues would not be very useful as it would require substantial cuts in programs and/or staff. TM Broadbent said this budget also reflects new approaches to raising revenues. For example, reserves were reinvested to earn higher interest rates and collection agencies will be used to collect outstanding fees and citations.

Mr. Ventura stated for the record that he pushed a former Public Works Director to correct stop lines and other traffic devices by referring to MUTCD standards.

Joan Hayden, Seminole Street, commented per telephone that a limit of 3 minutes for citizen comments seems too short and that tonight the background static of the broadcast was less.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Draft Worksession , May 20, 2019

Present were Mayor Stephen Isler, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jason Papanikolas, Councilmembers (CMs) Amanda Dewey, and Jeffrey Jay Osmond, who arrived 15

minutes late due to traffic. CM Ethan Sweep had an excused absence. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Maria Broadbent, Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez, Clerk Kerstin Harper and citizens.

1. Announcements

Mayor Isler and MPT Papanikolas attended a fantastic career day at Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES). Students asked many good questions and were impressed to have the husband of a teacher in attendance. Mayor Isler also attended a Karate Club celebration and was amazed at the quality of the program offered to the community at no cost. The BHES PTA will hold a fundraiser with Chipotle Restaurant on May 21, inviting all to eat there to help the PTA earn a share of the proceeds. Delegate Washington will hold a meeting on the Maglev and Beltway widening project on May 29 at the Riverdale Town Hall. The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club U-15 and U-16 Soccer teams has won their respective divisions in the Baltimore Beltway Soccer League. Rental homeowners are reminded that any bedroom in a basement must have an egress window or a door opening to the outside.

2. Budget Items

ORD 175 Amendment B: TM Broadbent said this Ordinance amends the FY 2019 budget to fund the purchase of Toters and educational materials to improve the Town's recycling program. Among transfers from other appropriations, it utilizes \$30,000 intended for an economic development study. Such a study became less urgent after the Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel (ULI TAP) studied development opportunities along the Greenbelt Road Corridor last year, and Beltway Plaza submitted plans for the redevelopment of the mall. The purchase of truck-mounted mechanical tippers to lift larger containers is mostly covered by savings from an earlier budget amendment that authorized the purchase of a salt spreader in lieu of a new dump body.

ORD 175 Amendment C: TM Broadbent explained this Ordinance amends the FY 2019 budget to appropriate funding in the amount of \$6,000 to purchase a speed monitor

and a radar gun for the Police Department. The acquisition of these items is based on recommendations from the Quality of Life Commission, which recommended them to reduce speeding on Town streets. The purchase is reduced from the original request of two speed monitors and radar guns.

ORD 175 Amendment D: TM Broadbent said this Ordinance encumbers FY 2019 funds in the amount of \$40,000 for an architectural study to enlarge the Town Hall so that it can accommodate the Police Department. The study had been funded by the previous Council as a strategic priority but was not completed. TM Broadbent is mostly done with a Request for Proposals but would like CM Osmond to review it since it is his area of expertise.

3. Discussion Items

Town organizations policy: CM Dewey explained that the previous Council had started to work on a policy for Town organizations to clarify their relationship to the Town government and address issues of liability and eligibility for funding and use of facilities. She has resumed work on it since assuming leadership of the Parks & Recreation Department. The policy establishes two categories of organizations, committees and assemblies, of which the latter are more independent.

Committees are generally established by the Town Council through an ordinance or a resolution and assist the Town government with certain tasks. They are eligible to receive funds through the annual budget process but must submit formal budget requests and regular reports to the Town Council. They must also provide bylaws, officers lists and contact information to the Town and publish upcoming elections and election results in the Bulletin. Committees can use Town facilities and publish advertisements in the Bulletin at no cost.

Assemblies are not under direct supervision of the Town government but are eligible to use Town facilities and publish advertisements in the Bulletin at no cost. They can also receive grants from the Town. To qualify for these privileges, assemblies must provide bylaws or a state-

ment of purpose, a list of officers and contact information to the Town. Their meetings must be open to the public and they must comply with the Town's non-discrimination policy.

CM Dewey said she has spoken to many of the organizations about how they want to be categorized and the policy reflects that. One new rule is that committees and assemblies forfeit \$50 or \$100 in funding if they cancel facility reservations on short notice. This was done to prevent the loss of revenue the Town could have earned if they had rented the facility to a paying customer.

TM Broadbent said she provided the Council with a draft resolution recognizing certain volunteer organizations as official committees of the Town. This entitles them to being covered by the Town's insurance. Councilmembers offered the following corrections:

- Clarify that the organizations included are official committees of the Town;
- Clarify that the Council can change the official status of committees if they don't comply with a stated list of requirements;
- Add list of assemblies to the resolution;
- Allow statement of purpose in lieu of updated bylaws as a requirement;
- Partisan organizations could technically qualify for recognition if they are open to everyone;
- Replace "free" use of Town facilities with "access at no cost".

After further discussion, it was agreed there are circumstances when reservations of the Town Center can be canceled without penalty, including weather emergencies, illness, and serving as backup event venue for Town sponsored events.

Phil Ventura, 57th Avenue, asked whether providing Town funding to all organizations would not be a disincentive for them to hold fundraisers. CM Dewey replied that organizations can continue to hold fundraisers, even if they receive Town funds, and some do so. TM Broadbent added those organizations maintaining their own bank accounts should be included in the Town's audit. It was agreed to review the

policy at the June 3 worksession, and if there are no other major edits, to place it on the June 12 Town meeting agenda for adoption.

Beltway widening letter of opposition: Mayor Isler said the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) proposed Beltway widening project is of great concern to the Councilmembers and they plan to express their opposition in a formal letter. CM Dewey, who has taken the lead on monitoring the project, has drafted a letter for Council's review.

CM Dewey said that MDOT just announced a series of new workshops for Counties and municipalities, possibly in response to objections from Montgomery County. The draft letter summarizes the objections Councilmembers voiced in previous meetings regarding 1) the process of providing input and 2) the negative impacts of the project in terms of loss of homes and green space.

CM Osmond said he sent an email to Council, in which he suggested referencing Maryland's smart growth policy as the basis for objecting to widening of the Beltway. Smart Growth policy posits that congestion should be addressed through better planning of future development and public transportation rather than the widening of existing roads. He thinks the letter would have more credence if it cited relevant policies and data.

CM Dewey said she is happy to include any language CM Osmond suggests. However, June 14 is the deadline for comments based on the workshops that MDOT conducted during the spring. She believes a short letter may be better at this point because comments submitted in response to the workshops will probably not be read closely. Research and evidence might be more useful when municipalities engage with MDOT further. This would include identifying studies federal and/ or state agencies may have undertaken to justify this project.

It was agreed to revise the letter with any edits Councilmembers may submit and approve it for mailing at the June 3 worksession. Mr. Ventura noted that the adding of "rich men's lanes" (toll lanes) was tried years ago with Route 50 but was stopped by protests.

Meanwhile, they have become increasingly common.

PGCPS educational facilities master plan amendments: MPT Papanikolas said he, CM Dewey, PTA and Educational Advisory Committee representatives attended a public hearing on amendments to the PGCPS Educational Facilities Master Plan, which provides funding to renovate many older schools in northern Prince George's County. None of the Board of Education members were present and staff conducted the hearing. Prior to the hearing, constituents from southern Prince George's County had complained about too much money being spent on schools in north County. There is a concern that PGCPS might change the position of Berwyn Heights Elementary School (BHES) in this renovation cycle to appease south County representatives because it is in relatively good shape. North County constituents and PGCPS administrators so far have favored following the original plan that prioritizes schools most in need of repairs. A detailed PGCPS presentation of the plan can be obtained from CM Dewey upon request. Joanna Whitaker, Education Advisory Committee (EAC) chair, said she also attended the hearing and confirmed what occurred. The EAC had asked parents from the Boys & Girls Club and the PTA to send letters of support for keeping the facilities master plan as is, but they would like advice on how to advocate more effectively, perhaps by meeting with the Council and/ or the school board representative. She noted that the District 2 School Board Representative, Joshua Thomas, was not at the hearing.

Mayor Isler said he will meet with Representative Thomas this Thursday to discuss a number of educational issues. He will be happy to transmit any message or concern from the EAC to him. Berwyn Heights strongly supported Joshua Thomas in his bid for the school board seat and would like to see him go to bat for this District when the School Board votes on the matter on June 6, 7 pm. TM Broadbent said if architectural plans are already in the works and the project is in the queue, it is unlikely to be dropped. Ms. Whitaker said the EAC will try to get parents and teachers to attend the June 6

meeting.

4. Minutes

The Council postponed approval of the minutes because CM Sweep was one of 3 Councilmembers present at that meeting but is not here today to vote. On a motion by CM Dewey, seconded by MPT Papanikolas, the May 6 worksession minutes were approved 3-0-1, with CM Osmond abstaining.

5. Department Reports

Mayor Isler said the Police Department is busy developing its outreach program, which is focused on engaging the Latino community. Bicyclists are reminded to obey the rules of the road and stop at stop signs, and drivers are requested not pass stopped school buses when students enter or exit.

MPT Papanikolas seconded the reminders on bicycle safety and suggested that some form of education of students be arranged. CM Dewey said the Green Team might offer another bicycle workshop. Council agreed that the Town should help publicize bicycle safety information.

CM Dewey announced that Delegate Washington will hold a meeting with MDOT staff on June 29 at the Riverdale Park Town Hall to discuss and give input on the Beltway widening. She thanked residents for participating in the last Town cleanup, which always takes place on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

CM Olson reminded residents to keep their grass cut and ensure that bamboo does not spread into neighboring yards. The Clean Lot Ordinance mandates that bamboo be contained to within two feet from one's property line. He is also looking forward to see what efficiencies will be derived from greater use of the code management software. He hopes to utilize the system to analyze trends and do outreach on any code problems that might be identified.

TM Broadbent said that business licenses will be mailed out using the code software the first time this year. Further, she has put together a guide for rental owners about egress requirements for basement sleeping units and a letter to advise homeowners.

ers to remove any dead trees from their properties as well as how to properly prune trees. Mayor Isler said that the Town continues to enforce the 'no plastic bags in recycling bins' rule. Bins with plastic bags in them will get a rejection sticker and will not be collected.

Phil Ventura said he has seen more properties with tall grass than in previous years and questioned the Code Department's priorities in code enforcement. TM Broadbent replied that the priority is on licensing rental properties and enforcing hazardous conditions because the Code Department currently has 2 vacant positions.

6. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the calendar. The next PGCMA meeting is on May 23 and the Town-wide yard sale on June 15.

7. Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Signed: *Kerstin Harper*, Town Clerk

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**July 22, 7 PM
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The BHEAC is a Town Committee dedicated to supporting and strengthening the schools that serve the residents of Berwyn Heights by:

- Informing residents and the Town Council about educational issues and opportunities;
- Cultivating links with PGCPs administrators and the School Board;
- Liaising with neighboring cities' Education Advisory Committees; and
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LOS ÁRBOLES MUERTOS SON PELIGROSOS

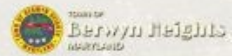
Los árboles muertos tienen el potencial de causar lesiones corporales graves, destrucción de la propiedad y daños a las líneas de energía y servicios públicos. La ordenanza 122 ordena que cada dueño de una propiedad remueva cualquier árbol muerto peligroso en sus tierras.

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JULY 24 | 7:30 pm
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July 17, 6:30 pm | Town Center

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April 25th— Truck 14 responded on the Working Fire Dispatch to assist units on scene of a working apartment fire in the 3900Blk of Warner Ave in Landover. While en-route, the assignment was upgraded to a 2nd Alarm due to the fire extending into adjacent apartments,

April 29th— Squad 14 responded to the OL of I-495 in the area of MD Rt. 1 for a accident, reported SUV flipped over a guardrail. Squad 14 arrived to find the drive trapped in the SUV overturned on a guardrail. Volunteers stabilized the SUV and extricated the driver

May 7th— Squad 14 & Truck 14 were alerted to the 9000Blk of Riggs Rd in Adelphi for an apartment fire. Units arrived to find smoke showing and a working fire.

May 14th— Squad 14 OL of I-495 in the area of the BW Pkway for a personal injury accident. While enroute, the call was upgraded to a personal injury accident with entrapment. Units arrived to find a single vehicle that struck a pole with one trapped. Squad 14 stabilized the vehicle and removed the doors and roof to extricate the patient.

May 23rd— Squad 14 responded to the 8200Blk of Sheriff Rd in Landover for an accident with a drive trapped. The crew of Squad 14 arrived and extricated the driver.

May 24th— Squad 14 & Ambo 14 responded to Greenbelt Rd at Walker Dr in Greenbelt for a accident, Greenbelt PD on scene with one trapped. BHVFD arrived and extricated the driver.

June 13th— Squad 14 extricated a driver from an accident at Lanham Sever Rd at Greenhaven Rd in Lanham. Volunteers removed the driver door and B-post to free the driver.

June 13th— Truck 14 responded to the 10400Blk of Knollwood Dr in Adelphi for a working House Fire.

BHVFD Call Volume: May 2019	
Rescue Squads:	167
Ladder Truck:	83
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	10
Ambulance:	232
Total Runs May 2019	492

All Fireworks Illegal in Prince George's County

From the County Fire Marshall's Office: All consumer purchased fireworks are illegal to purchase, possess, transport and use in Prince George's County. This law has helped to reduce the number of injuries and fires typically experienced during this festive time of year.

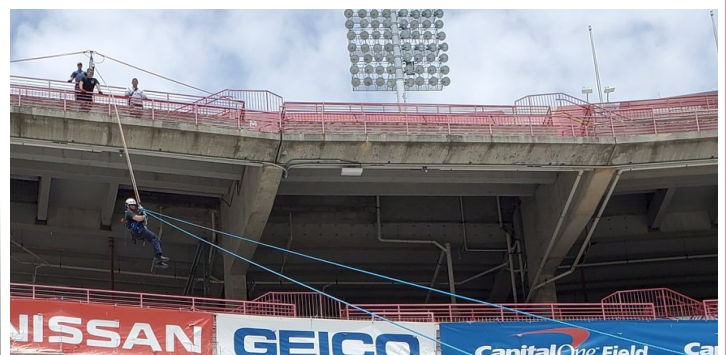
If you have purchased your own backyard fireworks and were not aware of the County Law, call 301-583-2200 and request a Fire Investigator to come by your residence to confiscate them. You will not be charged with a crime if you use this method of surrendering fireworks. Please enjoy the below area public fireworks displays instead of creating your own:

- City of College Park: Thursday, July 4, 2019
University of Maryland Campus in Parking Lot 1 adjacent to Campus Drive
- City of Greenbelt: Thursday, July 4, 2019
Buddy Attick Lake Park



BHVFD Hosts Rope Rescue Class

On Sat/Sun June 15th & 16th BHVFD hosted a Specialty Rope Rescue Class for its members. Volunteers reviewed specialty rope rescue techniques, and practiced repelling off the UMD Capitol One Stadium. The training class was funded by the Depts. FEMA SAFER Grant. BHVFD operates the County's only volunteer Technical Rescue Team, responding to all specialty rescues County-wide.





Historical Committee



The Benson House, located at 8403 58th Avenue, is shown above in the 1930s (left) and today (right) in the process of being rehabilitated after a fire. For many years, it was the office of the Berwyn Heights Company founded in November 1919 by Town residents to sell real estate and develop the Town. Margaret Benson (1968-1958) lived in the house until she died. Here she raised 3 children and later 5 grand children. She helped run the Berwyn Heights Company, was an active member of the Berwyn Presbyterian Church and the community at large, even running for Town Council in 1940. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening and painting.

VISIT OUR TENT ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 6 – 6:00 PM – TOWN CENTER

- Exhibit on Berwyn Heights Company
- Brochures and Pamphlets
- New Historic Home Refrigerator Magnets

NEXT MEETING – JULY 24, 7:30 PM G. LOVE ROOM

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TREES AND STORMWATER



Summer storms bring rain! Did you know Trees Manage Rain Water ?

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Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board | Contact [Amanda Dewey](#)

Next meeting: JULY 9 | 7 pm | G. Love Room



Berwyn Heights GreenBee



Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com.

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, July 9, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room.

All residents are welcome to attend!



Town Clean-up

Saturday, July 20th

10am – 12pm

Meeting point at the Town Center

*Help support our efforts in cleaner
stormwater runoff*

REMINDER! The monthly town clean-ups are an opportunity for students to earn SSL hours. The clean-up requires walking through the streets in town to pick up litter, so children must be accompanied by an adult.

Stormwater Runoff SOS

Help reduce stormwater runoff which is a source of pollution. Runoff sweeps gas, trash, dog waste, fertilizers, pesticides, and more with it when it flows into the waterways!

- Grab the water where it falls using rain barrels and rain gardens to reduce the rain flow coming off your property.
- Remember to pick up after your pet at home and in town. Pet Waste Stations are now throughout our community.
- Pick up trash around on your street to prevent it from entering the storm drains.

Rain Garden Tips for Heavy Rainstorms



Rain gardens are an easy and effective tool that we can use to help reduce stormwater runoff. A well-designed rain garden provides the greatest impact for reducing stormwater runoff

One place rain gardens may be especially helpful in our community are upstream from low-lying areas that are susceptible to large, damaging storms. Sometimes the landscaping choices made by homeowners in other areas of the town can help to mitigate flooding damage downstream.

Build It Yourself

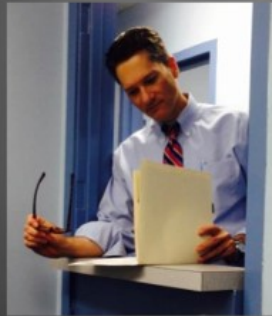
- **Choosing a location:** The best areas are where water naturally drains but doesn't hold water. It should also be located at least 5'-15' away from your home.
- **Call Miss Utility before digging:** 811 or 1-800-257-7777
- **Soil infiltration test:** Conducting an infiltration test will let you know if the location is good for a rain garden and even how large it may need to be. <http://tiny.cc/eu6e8y>
- **Sizing the rain garden:** Base the surface area of your rain garden on the contributing drainage area to the rain garden. Consider the infiltration rate and depth of the rain garden.
- **Excavate the rain garden:** When digging your topsoil can be amended and reused in the rain garden or spread on your property. The subsoil can be used to create the rain garden berm. Your rain garden depth will likely be between 18"-36" deep, with 6" ponding area and 12"-30" of soil amendments.
- **Fill the rain garden with soil media mix:** 50% sand, 25% topsoil, and 25% compost.
- **Plant and mulch:** Consider how the native plants handle water as the middle of the rain garden may be slightly wetter than the outer edges.
- **Maintenance:** Rain garden require as much maintenance as a standard landscaped bed. The 1st year is weeding, watering, and raking mulch and tweaking the rain garden in later years.

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MAY INCIDENTS

Tuesday May 7, 2019 at 8:20 pm, 'ASSAULT 2ND DEGREE'

Pfc. C. Rufino responded to the 7-Eleven on Greenbelt Road for a report of an assault. Upon arrival, officers met with a store clerk who stated that two costumers got into a dispute and one of them punched him in the face. His face showed a mark and small laceration with a speck of blood. Victim was unable to describe the suspect that struck him. Victim refused medical attention.

Wednesday May 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm, 'TOWN HALL MEETING'

D-Sgt. D. Unger along with the Chief of Police attended Town Hall Meeting.

Saturday May 11, 2019 at 1:08 am, '2ND DEGREE ASSAULT'

Officers responded to 5900 block of Natasha Drive for a domestic assault report. Victim stated her boyfriend assaulted her multiple times when she tried to kick him out after a they had a verbal altercation occurred upon returning home from the bar. The Victim further stated that the suspect was drunk and became violent when she started packing his belongings. The Suspect reportedly punched the Victim in the right eye and threw her into a chair. He strangled the Victim 3 separate times when she tried to flee the premises, leaving lacerations on the left side of her neck. The Victim was able to run upstairs and call 911. Upon arrival, the officers searched the residence to determine if the Suspect was still on scene. The Suspect had fled the house on foot. A search of the area was conducted but yielded no results. The Victim refused medical treatment. The investigation is ongoing.

Sunday May 12, 2019 at 5:31 pm, 'VANDALISM'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the 5700 block of Nevada Street for a vandalism report. Victim contacted the police to report that a tenant had vandalized the inside of a rental home. The home has several tenants who divide the rent and utilities. The landlord/owner was checking on

the property after one resident had moved out and found an unknown odorous substance on a window sills and in a bedroom closet of a vacant room. The owner reports that the substance was placed there after the occupant had moved.

Tuesday May 14, 2019 at 4:53 pm, 'PICK UP ORDER'

Pfc. C. Rufino was on routine patrol in the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace and observed vehicle with expired license tags. She made an MVA inquiry on her MDT and learned that there was a tag pickup order. She removed the tag, placed it on the property, and put a 72 hour warning sticker on the vehicle before it would be impounded.

Wednesday May 15, 2019 at 8:16 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Pfc. C. Rufino responded to the 8900 block of 60th Avenue for a report of theft from a vehicle. Victim stated at approximately 8:03 am a black convertible BMW pulled alongside the Sigma van. A black male got out, removed the license plates from the front and rear of the van and then drove off. An office employee saw that the BMW had a DC license plate and the last four numbers displayed 7076.

Wednesday May 15, 2019 at 10:10 pm, 'THEFT'

Sgt. T. Moroney responded to the 8900 block of 62nd Avenue for a report of a theft. Victim stated that he was delivering 2 pizzas and 14 hot wings to 8906 56th Ave. Upon arrival at approximately at 10:10 pm, 2 suspects were waiting for him at the address. Suspect 1 stated he wanted to make sure the pizzas were still hot, so the victim handed them the pizzas. The suspects then fled with the pizzas to the rear of the residence into the woods. **Suspect 1: W/H/M 14 Y/O, blue shirts and tan pants. Suspect 2: W/H/M, 14 Y/O, 5'5".**

Thursday May 16, 2019 at 4:00 am, 'STOLEN AUTO'

Pfc. C. Rufino responded to the 8600 block of 63rd Avenue for a report of a stolen auto. Victim stated that around 5:30 am he discovered his vehicle miss-

ing from the front of his house. He opened his Toyota pick-up truck and noticed that the door was unlocked and the vehicle had been rummaged through. The keys of the stolen Honda Pilot, which were kept inside the Toyota pick-up truck, were missing. Victim had left his wallet inside the stolen vehicle, containing his Maryland drivers license, multiple credit cards (Bank of America, Citi-bank, Capitol credit, Master card) and approximately \$50 in US currency.

Thursday May 16, 2019 at 7:19 am, 'THEFT FROM AUTO'

Pfc. C. Rufino responded to the 6200 block of Quebec Street for a report of a theft from a vehicle. Suspect stole the victim's wallet which contained her drivers license and a credit card.

Friday May 24, 2019 at 5:01 pm, 'STOLEN AUTO'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Quebec Place for a report of a stolen auto. Victim reported that she left her 2010 Nissan with her friend while she was out of town. On 5/24/2019 during the early morning hours, an unknown person entered a Ford truck parked unlocked in the residential driveway and stole the keys for the Nissan that had been left in the center console. The suspect then stole the Nissan.

Friday May 28, 2019 at 4:14 pm, 'VANDALISM'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 6200 block of Quebec Street for a vandalism report. Victim reported that on 5/3/2019 at approximately 12:00 pm an unknown person caused dents to the metal body of his Nissan SUV, and broke the sun-roof window by throwing rocks at the SUV.

Thursday May 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm, 'THEFT'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 5800 block of Bucknell Terrace for a report of a theft. Victim reported that on 5/30/2019 at 2:00 pm, she received a telephone call at her home from an unknown male and female caller. They told the Victim that they work for PEPCO and that the victim's home is scheduled

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Dear Sponsors:

I am pleased to inform you that the Town of Berwyn Heights will be celebrating the 36th Annual National Night Out this August. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. The Berwyn Heights Police over the years has developed a close working relationship with businesses and citizens in fighting crime. We hope we can continue to rely on your support to fund this very popular mid-summer event, which helps us build on that relationship. Your contributions in any monetary amount will be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in participating, having a booth reserved or volunteering for community service hours please contact Corporal Krouse at 301-474-6554 or email skrouse@berwynheightsmd.gov

Berwyn Heights Night Out Against Crime - Tuesday, August 6, 2019

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- visits from local officials & first responders
- community organizations booths
- give-aways
- and more

We thank you in advance for your support, *Colonel Kenneth K. Antolik*, Chief of Police (301) 474-6554

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to have the power turned off in about 20 minutes. The suspects instructed the victim to go to a local 7-Eleven, purchase MoneyPak pay cards, and then call them back. The victim went to 7-Eleven at 4404 Knox Road, College Park, and purchased MoneyPak pay cards in the amount of \$1,600. When the victim called the suspects back the money was stolen from cards. The victim further reports the suspects' telephone number 877-405-5910 was disconnected at around 3:45 pm.

Homicide = 00 | Rape = 00 | Robbery = 00 | Assault = 02 | Burglary = 00 | Larceny/Theft = 04 | Stolen Auto = 02



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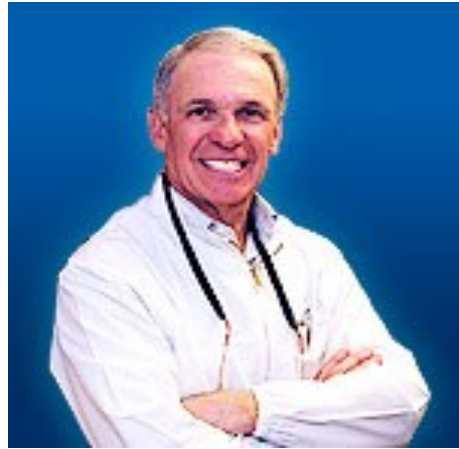
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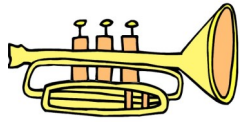
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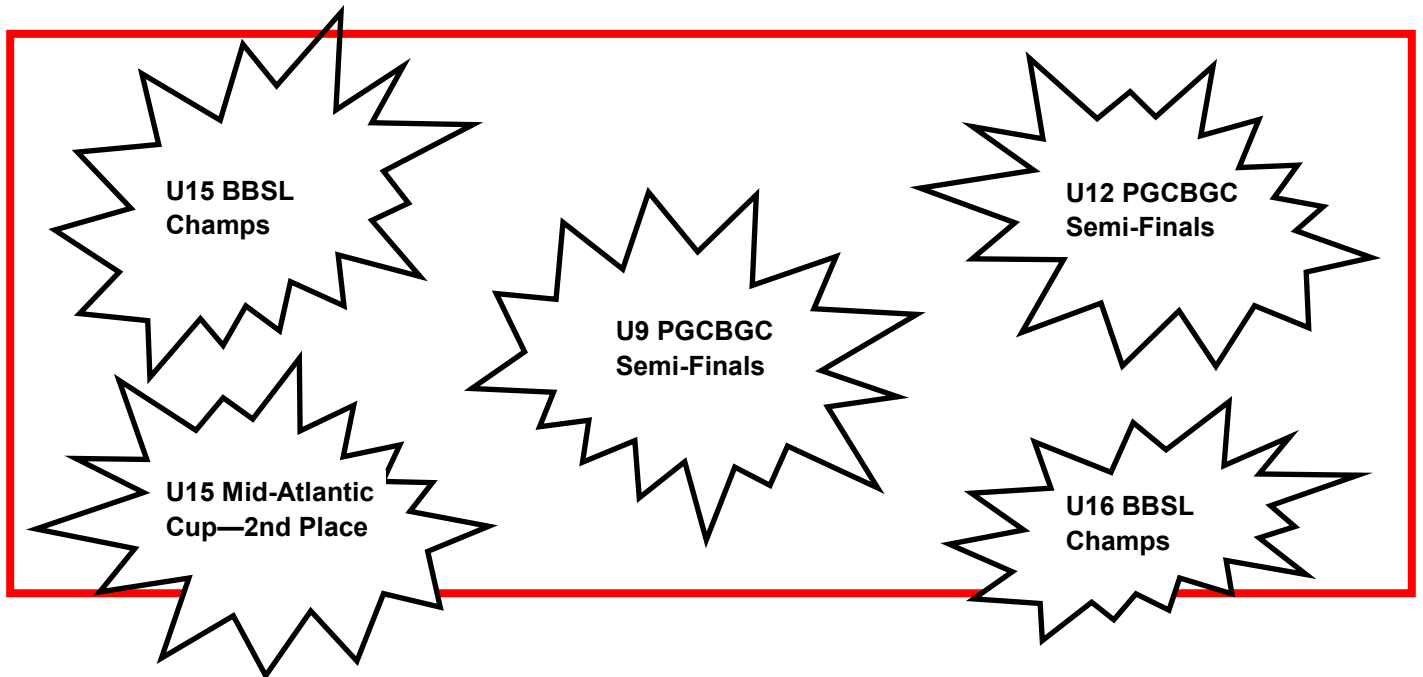


Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club



July 2019 Bugle

Congratulations to all players and coaches on a fantastic spring season!



Fall Soccer Pre K/K - U14 = \$60/child

Fall Soccer BBSL U14 & up = \$80/child

+ Plus \$20 Uniform Fee for All New Players

County Players must have an MVA ID Card!

****Fees go up \$10 after July 31st, 2019****

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club welcomes children of all skill levels and abilities and currently offers Track and Soccer Programs for ages 4 & up.

Interested in becoming a member? Have suggestions or ideas? Looking to volunteer? Contact us at: info@berwynheightsbgc.org.

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EVENTS & WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY

July 4th Fireworks at the National Mall.

July 11/14th Lake Arbor Jazz Fest.

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United Kingdom Aviation Tour: College Park Aviation Museum is sponsoring 9-day cultural aviation tour, starting September 19, 2019. For information and sign-up, please contact Bob Kovalchik at 301-474-4240 or CPAM at 301 864 6029.

Want adventure and achievement? Join Boy Scout Troop 740. We meet at Holy Redeemer's Fealy Hall every Tuesday evening. For details, call scoutmaster Loren Lavoy at 301-651-4928.

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July 9	Shirley Dewhirst
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July 14	Tinam Valk
July 25	Lori Young
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GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

SELF DEFENSE COURSE — Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon, upstairs in the Senior Center

POTLUCK & MOVIE — 2nd Saturday at 5:00 P.M.
(July 13 and August 10)

MEETINGS — No meetings in July and August.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WATCH NATS BASEBALL at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 7,
at 1:00 P.M.



BREAKFAST AT THE SILVER DINER on a Thursday. Date to be determined. Call the Senior Center for times and more Information.



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- Air Filtration Systems
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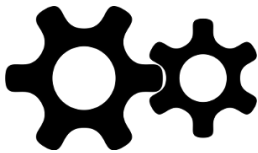
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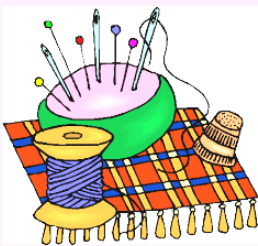
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12 Months	\$768.00	\$1,344.00
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STREET SWEEPING

July 29—Aug 2 the street sweeper will be in Town to clean the streets. Please park your cars in your driveway or off-street parking, where possible. If you have no off-street parking, you might move your car to the other side of the street when the sweeper goes by. Public Works appreciates your assistance.

Contact 301-474-6897 for information or email publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov



Interested in Knitting, Quilting, Other Needle Arts Projects?

Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We currently meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Berwyn Heights Town Center, 5700 Berwyn Road.

For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email

CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King
President@BHESPTA.org

Secretary: Velma Hamilton
Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton
bbatt80@hotmail.com

Vice President: vacant
Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas
240-338-5191

Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga
Secretary: Jianmei Zhu
Athletic Director: Asgar Asgarov
Soccer Commissioner: Vacant
Track Commissioner: Brandon Batton

Education Advisory Committee

Contact: Joanna Whitaker
joannaswhitaker@gmail.com

Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

Chair: Amanda Dewey
amandamdewey@gmail.com
Public Outreach: Therese Forbes
therese@celticclans.com

Historical Committee

Chair: Richard Ahrens
Secretary: dsteelesny@yahoo.com

Men's Basketball League

Jim McGinnis 301-651-8142

Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness/ CERT

Chair Michael Attick
mikeattick@verizon.net

Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881
Brett Bentley 240-678-9103
Brett.bentley@gmail.com

Playgroup

Coordinator: Rachel Cicero
rachelcicero55@gmail.com

Quilter's Club

To be determined

Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones
violindreams@verizon.net
Secretary: Theresa Beck
beck_theresa@yahoo.com

Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482



July 2019

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1    7:00 pm Worksession	2    7:30 pm Rec Council Mtg.	3  7:00 pm NW/EP Mtg.	4  Independence Day Town Offices Closed	5 Town Offices Closed	6
7	8   	9   	10  7:00 pm Town Mtg. Council Chamber	11 	12 Town Offices Closed Staff Retreat	13
14	15    7:00 pm Worksession	16   	17  6:30 pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	18 	19	20 10:00 am Town Cleanup
21	22    7:00 pm BHEAC Mtg.	23   	24  7:30 pm BHHC Mtg. 7:30 Four Cities Mtg. Berwyn Heights	25 	26	27
28 Street Sweeper 	29   	30    7:30 pm Rec. Council Mtg.	31 	Aug 1	2	3



Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper is in Town to ensure the street sweeper cleans everywhere along the curbs.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste
South-side Collection



Recycling Collection



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Police (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office (301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department (301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov
Public Works Department (301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov
Fire Department (301) 474-7866
Senior Center (301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym) (301) 345-2808
Town Office (301) 474-5000
Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Call-a-Bus Reservations (301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

Stephen D. Isler (301) 537-2228 sisler@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor — Public Health & Safety
Jason W. Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration
Ethan D. Sweep (218) 280-2273 esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Public Works
Amanda Dewey (443)-646-3529 adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs
Jeffrey Osmond josmond@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Code Compliance
Maria Broadbent—Town Manager mbroadbent@berwynheightsmd.gov

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
Email Town at
contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M.
2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
3rd most recent mtg:
Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

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